

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS UNDER REVISED 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Please cancel Claim 2. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Procedure for the determination of triglyceride contained in low density lipoprotein (LDL) having the following measures:

- a) selective solubilization of triglyceride-containing low density lipoprotein with a non-ionic surface-active agent, which is synthesized from a block copolymer of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide, and
- b) carrying-out of a triglyceride determination method.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is carried out in homogeneous solution.

4. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 1, characterized in that the block copolymer used is an A-B-A triblock copolymer of polyoxyethylene blocks A and central polyoxypropylene block B.

5. (Currently amended) Procedure according to Claim 4, characterized in that, ~~for the selective determination of LDL triglyceride,~~ the molecular weight of the polyoxypropylene/polyoxyethylene triblock copolymer A-B-A is in the range from 1000 to 8000 Daltons.

6. (Original) Procedure according to Claim 5, characterized in that the molecular partial mass of the polyoxypropylene block B with respect to the total triblock copolymer A-B-A is in the range from 75 to 95% by weight.
7. (Currently amended) Procedure according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~reaction~~ selective solubilization according to measure a) and the triglyceride determination according to measure b) are carried out simultaneously.
8. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 1, characterized in that the triglyceride-containing lipoproteins are furthermore reacted with agents for the aggregation of lipoprotein fractions.
9. (Original) Procedure according to Claim 8, characterized in that the agent used for the aggregation of lipoprotein fractions is cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative.
10. (Original) Procedure according to Claim 9, characterized in that sulphatized α -cyclodextrin is used.
11. (Currently amended) Procedure according to Claim 8, characterized in that ~~—if appropriate additionally—~~ dextran sulphuric acid or its salt is used as an agent for the aggregation of lipoprotein fractions.
12. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 8, characterized in that the reaction with the aggregating agent is carried out in the presence of divalent metal ions.
13. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 8, characterized in that the reaction with the aggregating agent is carried out before measures a) and b).

14. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 1, characterized in that the determination of triglyceride according to measure b) includes the enzymatic cleavage of triglyceride and the determination of the glycerol released thereby.

15. (Original) Procedure according to Claim 14, characterized in that the enzymatic cleavage is carried out with the aid of lipase or an esterase.

16. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 14, characterized in that the released glycerol is determined by enzymatic reaction with the enzymes glycerokinase and glycerol 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, by means of which a reduced acceptor of reduction/oxidation equivalents is formed, which is determined by a detection reaction.

17. (Currently amended) Procedure according to Claim 16, characterized in that the enzymes [[15]] triosephosphate isomerase and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase are furthermore added to the enzymatic reaction.

Claims 18-34 (Canceled)

35. (Previously presented) Procedure according to Claim 1, wherein the results of the procedure are indicative of risk of vascular disease.

Claim 36. (Cancelled)